



Washington State Cherry Harvest Bulletin

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The harvest of Washington's early-season sweet cherries is expected to begin June 5 through 7. The earliest Bing cherry harvest is projected to start June 14.

Peak harvest will occur around June 26 and will extend into late August. Limited cherry harvest in North-Central Washington may extend into September.

The anticipated start dates are associated with fruit producing areas located in:

- North-Central Washington (Chelan, Okanogan, Grant and Douglas Counties)
- South-Central Washington (Yakima, Kittitas, Klickitat and Skamania counties)
- Southeast Washington (Walla Walla, Benton and Franklin counties)

Washington's total 2014 sweet cherry crop is estimated to be 158,000 tons, up 44 percent % from the 109,850 tons in 2013. The crop is expected to be the third largest on record. Fruit size should be large.

While the overall seasonal housing supply in Washington continues to increase, it's scarce in some areas. The Tent Housing Program provided by growers for cherry harvesters is a good option in some rural areas. Seasonal (non-tent) farmworker housing facilities include:

Name	City	Phone
Ringold	Mesa	509-366-2831
Esparanza	Mattawa	509-830-1389
Lugar Securo	Othello	509-331-6835
Vista del Rio & Heritage Glen	East Wenatchee	509-663-7421
Sage Bluff	Malaga	509-885-3586
Columbia Pointe	Malaga	509-663-7421
Monitor Park	Monitor	509-667-1351
East Oroville Harvest	Oroville	509-476-3059

Workers planning to work in Washington's cherry harvest are encouraged to contact one of the WorkSource offices listed below.

Columbia Gorge	800-511-7388
Moses Lake	509-766-2559
Sunnyside	509-836-5405
Tri-Cities	509-734-5900
Wenatchee	800-858-2716
Yakima	509-574-0105
Walla Walla	509-527-4393
Okanogan	800-887-8057
Statewide information	800-339-3981